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R 191916Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5245
INFO WEMBASSY MANAGUA 1736

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: PINR, ES
SUBJ: BIO DATA ON ROBERTO QUINONEZ

REF: A) STATE 165105

1. APPOINTMENT OF ROBERTO QUINONEZ MEZA AS GOES AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON NOW APPEARS FIRMLY BACK ON TRACK AFTER CONSIDERABLE VACILLATION. PERIOD OF DOUBT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DUE TO OPPOSITION TO HIS APPOINTMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALVARDO MARTINEZ. IF SO, MARTINEZ HAS BEEN OVERRULED BY PRESIDENT ROMERO, WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION THAT QINONEZ WILL GET THE JOB. REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT AND HIS APPOINTMENT WILL PROBABLY AWAIT NAMING NEW US AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR.

2. WE WOULD EXPECT QUINONEZ TO BE QUITE INFLUENTIAL IN POLICY MAKING AS AMBASSADOR TO THE US, CERTAINLY MORE SO THAN INCUMBENT AMBASSADOR BERTRAND CALINDO. HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS APPARENTLY NOT GOOD AND MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE THE LATTER RETAINS AS THE ROMERO CABINET SHAKES DOWN OVER THE COMING MONTHS. QUINONEZ HAS EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS IN US BUSINESS CIRCLES, SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND IS AN IMPRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. WE BELIEVE HE SEES THE AMBASSADORSHIP AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM
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TO CORRECT THE "NEGATIVE IMAGE" OF EL SALVADOR IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS A CLEAR TENDENCY IN SOME SALVADORAN PRIVATE CIRCLES TO VIEW RELATIONS WITH THE US AS A PROBLEM IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. THIS GROUP TENDS TO BELIEVE THAT EL SALVADOR SHOULD EMULATE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT CARRIED OUT IN THE U.S. BY THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE QUINONEZ IS ONE OF THIS SCHOOL AND SEE SOME DANGER THAT HE WILL TRY TO APPLY A

MADISON AVENUE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
INSTEAD OF COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

3. NEWSPAPER PHOTO BEING POUCHED.

4. NO FURTHER BIO DATA AVAILABLE AT PRESENT ON MRS. QUINONEZ.
ANY INFORMATION WHICH IS DEVELOPED WILL BE FORWARDED.
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